THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 10th December 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Survey of wells subsidized under Grow More Food Campaign.

* 384 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a survey of subsidy wells under the Grow More Food Campaign in this State was conducted and that two wells out of every hundred wells were not traceable;

(*b*) how many subsidy wells under the Grow More Food Campaign in this State are not traceable and how many are out of use;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that discrepancies were noticed by field staff between the number of wells reported by the State Government as completed and those shown as such in the list available in the Tahsil or Taluk Headquarters and if so, who is responsible for the discrepancy; and

(*d*) what action, if any, have the Government taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) A sample check of subsidised wells as a part of an All India Survey was undertaken in this State by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in co-operation with the Economic Adviser. Inasmuch as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has undertaken the survey on an All-India basis the results are being analysed by them. No report has so far been received from them on the results of their analysis.

"(*b*) According to the report of the Grow More Food Enquiry Committee, based on a tentative report relating to the survey referred to above, out of 90 wells inspected at a certain stage, 81 (or 90 per cent) were functioning (4 being incomplete and another 5 complete but not functioning).

"(*c*) No information is available on this point as the report of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has not yet been received.

"(*d*) Does not arise."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the materials already before the Government have shown that matters are not at all going on well, will the Government be pleased to institute a thorough enquiry into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have placed now all the facts before the House and the matter is going on very well and 90 per cent of the wells are functioning."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, may I draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to this New Delhi report : ' A survey of wells constructed in six States (of which Madras is one) out of loans and subsidies given by the Centre under the Grow More Food Campaign revealed that two wells out of every hundred were not traceable. It also came to light that as high as 30 per cent of wells were out of use in some States and the field staff noticed discrepancies between the number of wells reported by the State Government as completed and those shown as such in the list available in Tahsil or Taluk registers '. Sir, has the attention of this Government been drawn to this report and if so did they conduct any enquiry into these things or deny the facts contained in the report? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I am not aware of that report. As I said the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has taken up the check and we are awaiting its report. As far as the wells dug under the Grow More Food Campaign are concerned, I have already said that 90 per cent of them are functioning."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" రాయలసీమ జిల్లాలలో projects వలన లాభములేని ప్రదేశాలలో ప్రభుత్వం యిచ్చేటటువంటి well subsidies పూర్తిగా కాకపోయినా, అర్ధ భాగమైనా యివ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వము ప్రయత్నం చేస్తుందా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Notice, Sir."

Supply of electricity to Paidimukkala Panchayat area, Krishna district.

* 385 *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation on 14th October 1952 from the President, Panchayat Board, Paidimukkala, for the extension of the electric line to Paidimukkala panchayat area from Vuyyur in Krishna district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.